



City of Santa Barbara

STATE STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 16, 2023

3:00 P.M.

John G. Britton Auditorium, Santa Barbara
Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Administrative
Office, 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101;
and
320-A West Ortega Street, Santa Barbara, CA
93101

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Dave Davis, Chair
Ken Saxon, Vice Chair
Dianne Black
Hillary Blackerby
Roxana Bonderson
Roger Durling
Nadra Ehrman
Robin Elander
Ed Lenvik
Peter Lewis
Kristen Miller
Susanne Tejada
Meagan Harmon, Councilmember
Mike Jordan, Councilmember
Kristen Sneddon, Councilmember
Michael Becker (alternate)
Marge Cafarelli (alternate)

STAFF:

Elias Isaacson, Community Development Director
Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Tess Harris, State Street Master Planner
Greta Walters, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.

I. ATTENDANCE

Members present: Chair Davis, Vice Chair Saxon, Committee Members Black, Blackerby, Bonderson (arrived 3:20 P.M.), Ehrman, Elander, Lenvik, Miller, Tejada, Harmon, Sneddon, Becker (alternate)

Members absent: Cafarelli, Durling, Jordan, Lewis

Staff present: Timmy Bolton, Brian Bosse, Jason Harris, Tess Harris, Dan Hentschke, Elias Isaacson, Rowse (attended only as an observer), and Greta Walters

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Opening Remarks and Announcements

Chair Davis welcomed Councilmember Kristen Sneddon to the State Street Advisory Committee (SSAC).

Chair Davis announced the following:

1. Ms. Harris presented an update on State Steet Master Plan matters to City Council on January 24, 2023. Chair Davis spoke at the meeting.

Ms. Harris announced the following:

1. The State Street Master Plan staff presented to the Access Advisory Committee on January 25, 2023.
2. Friends of State Street recently formed and helped paint parklets along State Street.
3. Ms. Harris is planning open houses on State Street between the months of March and May. Staff will be available at these events to answer questions and have conversations with members of the public and community groups.
4. Work done at today's meeting will shape the three design concepts scheduled to return to the SSAC for consideration at the next meeting.

B. Agenda Review

Ms. Harris announced the following order for the agenda:

1. Discuss Learnings and Proposed Evaluation Criteria
Recommendation: That the SSAC receive an update on the January 24 Council discussion regarding existing conditions and community engagement efforts. SSAC will review design examples of other cities' outdoor spaces with MIG consulting team and discuss key criteria for creating a successful space.
2. Urban Design Framework
Recommendation: That the SSAC discuss urban design options, review principles of street sections, and consider potential design frameworks for the future of State Street.

C. State Street Interim Operations Update

Brian Bosse, Public Works' Downtown Team Manager, reported on: current State Street design requirements; fees for operating in the right-of-way along State Street (effective May 2023); creation of a future pilot program that manages bicyclist and pedestrian activity; ADA accessibility enforcement in the right-of-way; and the upcoming deep cleaning of the street asphalt.

D. Review, consideration, and approval of the State Street Advisory Committee minutes:

Motion: Approve the minutes of the State Street Advisory Committee meeting of **December 14, 2022**, as submitted.

Action: Tejada / Ehrman, 7/0/3. (Black, Blackerby, Sneddon abstained. Bonderson, Durling, Harmon, Jordan, Lewis absent.) Motion carried.

E. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda:

Public comment opened at 3:17 p.m.

The following individuals spoke:

1. Kirk Gilbert

Public comment closed at 3:19 p.m.

III. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Learnings and Proposed Evaluation Criteria

Actual time: 3:19 p.m.

Ms. Harris introduced MIG, Inc., consulting team Daniel Iacofano and Matt Shawaker. Mr. Iacofano presented insights from the Create State community outreach events and workshops with the local design community. Mr. Shawaker shared case studies in other cities' downtowns. Mr. Iacofano shared potential evaluation criteria, and SSAC members provided feedback and additional criteria for consideration.

Public comment opened at 4:03 p.m., and the following individuals spoke:

1. Lyiam Galo
2. Jim Knell
3. Guido Oppizzi
4. Mel Sahyun
5. Steve Palladino
6. Lisa Burns
7. Trey Pinner

Public comment closed at 4:17 p.m.

B. Urban Design Framework and Input for Future Conceptual Designs

Actual time: 4:18 p.m.

1. MIG, Inc. led a discussion with the SSAC about developing an urban design framework and posed questions about how the future design might incorporate curbs, bike paths, and closed blocks. The committee broke into two groups and discussed the pros and cons of different potential design frameworks.
2. The SSAC resumed meeting as a single group and reported their conversations about potential design framework approaches.

Public comment opened at 5:51 p.m., and the following individuals spoke:

1. Guido Oppizzi
2. Bob Stout

Public comment closed at 5:55 p.m.

IV. **NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Actual time: 5:55 p.m.

Chair Davis announced the next meeting of the SSAC will be on April 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., located at the Faulkner Gallery at the Main Library. SSAC members discussed integrating pilot designs into interim State Street operations, and then getting the public's feedback in the next wave of surveys and community outreach.

V. **ADJOURNMENT** Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.